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## **NORTHWOOD HILLS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING**

### **Minutes of the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013, 7.30 PM AT FAIRFIELD**

#### **PRESENT**

A total of 74 residents and visitors attended the meeting and were warmly welcomed by Andrew Riley, the Chairman (ARly).

#### **1) Apologies for absence**

Received from Lesley Crowcroft.

#### **2) Nick Hurd MP and Minister for Civil Society**

Nick Hurd congratulated NHRA on all their hard work and pointed out that all areas of life had their 'talkers' and their 'doers'. The 'doers' keep a community together and he thanked the NHRA 'doers', he listed his priorities for the local community - The ageing population, Northwood and Pinner Cottage Hospital, and Church Groups (wider meaning) in the Community having the opportunity to bring the residents together, workers, youth and aged can all bring benefits to each other. He hoped that his could be the focus in Northwood Hills over the coming months.

#### **3) Presidents Opening Address**

Tony Lane, President, thanked the committee for all their hard work.

#### **4) Minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 23rd May 2012**

Approved.

#### **5) Matters Rising**

None

## **6) Chairman's Report**

Andrew Riley gave a summary of events throughout the year:

Last May, the Children's playground, was opened and is now being well used by young mums and younger children. In June, we had the very successful Northwood & Northwood Hills Diamond Jubilee Celebration on Northwood Recreation ground and it was rewarding that 4,000+ residents turned out to support this event. A number of Community assets were purchased from the proceeds and a substantial donation was made to Northwood Live at Home. In July in conjunction with Fairfield we held The Big Lunch event. Christmas saw the "Grand Christmas Light Switch on" with over 600 residents joining together on the Car Park at the Namaste Lounge and also an Evening of Carols on Salisbury Road Green. In February we held our annual Thank you supper and for the first time had over 100 acceptances including the Mayor and Mayoress of Hillingdon. NHRA also agreed to provide £100 to purchase and seed the Long Meadow, which is at the southern end of Northwood Hills Ward. The Hills Echo continues to be the envy of other Residents' Associations, both near and far. Thanks to the editor, Alan Lester. Our web site is now attracting an increasing number of hits each month. We would still like to get a business to sponsor the web site so if you know anyone who has a spare £100, please point them in our direction.

Planning continues to take up a lot of time. The two most notable applications this year were Harlyn School, where we secured a number of concessions, for example the MUGA pitch. The second was the Northwood Health Centre which you may have seen in the Gazette. We opposed the application for a 100 hour a week Pharmacy. The CCG refused the application for a lease.

The Association continues to have representation on a number of external Committees. This year we pulled back from the Ruislip Lido Management Advisory Committee but accepted an invitation to have a place on Community Voice. This gives us a tremendous amount of information about changes to healthcare and performance in Hillingdon and the surrounding area.

We also have continued to press for a health care linked proposal for the Northwood and Pinner hospital site that would be acceptable to the community. Thank you to Nick Hurd for the support he has given us in this matter. We would like to see a solution that would be acceptable to the community especially as the hospital was funded by public subscription and is a WW1 memorial. Leo Mindel and the Chairman have also been very busy attending numerous meetings at the Civic Centre in Uxbridge and here at Fairfield, regarding the regeneration proposals for Joel Street

Feedback we have received from across Hillingdon suggests that we may now be "the most respected Residents' Association in the borough", and two of the consultants who are employed by the Council, with whom we have interfaced during the year, have even gone as far as suggesting we must be the most respected Residents' Associations in North London Finally, thank you for your support throughout the year.

### **7) Treasurer's report**

FM was thanked for all her work in managing the accounts throughout the year. The deficit recorded was due to expenditure in the year not being recovered until the accounts closed, but the amount had now been received. The accounts were proposed and accepted by the meeting. FM pointed out that the subscription income was again lower than the previous year.

### **8) Constitutional Changes**

An amendment to the current constitution was proposed and agreed by the meeting. This was to allow Charity and Business membership of the Association.

### **9) Election of Officers**

The officers and committee members as below were nominated and seconded by various residents present.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Current Committee Member</b>	<b>Committee's Nomination</b>
Chairman	Andrew Riley ACIB	Andrew Riley ACIB

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Vice Presidents, constitution allows 3	Erika Kimber, Lishman Easby, Vacant	Erika Kimber, Lishman Easby, Vacant
Vice Chairman	Leo Mindel	Leo Mindel
Hon. Secretary	(Acting) Roz Lester	(Acting) Roz Lester
Minutes Secretary	Maxine Goswell (when able to attend)	Maxine Goswell (when available to attend)
Hon. Treasurer	Fiona Morgan FCCA	Fiona Morgan FCCA
Hon. Auditor	Jane Brighton A.C.M.A.	Jane Brighton A.C.M.A.
Transport Officer	Herbert Levinger	Herbert Levinger
Planning Officer	Anila Hasim	Anila Hasim
Press Officer	Andrew Riley ACIB	Andrew Riley ACIB
Environment Officer/ Consultant	Lesley Crowcroft (Consultant)	Lesley Crowcroft (Consultant)

Health Officer	Christine Bushell, Herbert Levinger	Christine Bushell, Herbert Levinger
Police	Graham Mann	Graham Mann
Road Steward Co-ordinator	Paul Akers	Paul Akers
Shops Co-ordinator	Steve Allen	Steve Allen
Editor of The Hills Echo	Alan Lester	Alan Lester
Web Master	Ray Krystofiak	Ray Kryostofiak
Events Committee	Lynne Halse, Christine Bushell, Leo Mindel,	Lynne Halse, Christine Bushell, Leo Mindel,
Committee Members	Jane Clayfield, Lynn Ives, Lucy Hall	Jane Clayfield, Lynn Ives, Lucy Hall, Trevor Dixon

Position	Current Committee Member	Committee's Nomination
President	Tony Lane	Tony Lane

#### **10)Inspector Dave George, Metropolitan Police**

The new inspector, Insp George gave an interesting presentation, explaining the new model of working, with teams for the north of the Borough now based out of Ruislip, with emergency calls no longer all responded to from Hayes. A summer campaign against antisocial behaviour is to be launched, particularly targeting motorbikes and nuisance neighbours.

#### **11)Eileen Bowlt, Local Historian and Author**

The audience were fascinated by an extremely informative talk by Eileen on Northwood Hills, Ancient and Modern.

#### **12)Question Time**

Questions received from the floor were answered by the local councillors.

#### **13)Forthcoming Events**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June: Independent's Day

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July: The Big Lunch

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September: NHRA Quiz night

Saturday 16th November: Christmas Lights

#### **14)Chairman's Closing Remarks**

The president and chairman thanked all present for attending, especially Maggie Lane for providing the sound and AV facilities for the meeting. Meeting closed at 9.30.